

Baseball Moguls Will Bar Florida Training League---Humphreys Gets Trial

ORGANIZED MUGGERS WILL BAR LEAGUE FOR SPRING WORK

Disastrous Experiences of Chicago Cubs and Philadelphia Mackmen Cause It.

HUMPHREYS GETS A TRIAL

Harper and Gallia Are Reserved for Opening Clash With Brooklyn Dodgers.

Probable Line-up

Griffen.	C. U.
Milan, cf.	Cahill, 3b.
Postor, 3b.	A. White, ss.
Judge, 1b.	Caffrey, 2b.
Rondeau, if.	Butler, cf.
Barber, rf.	Shortley, if.
Morgan, 2b.	Rogers, rf.
Henry, c.	Killian, 1b.
McBride, ss.	White, c.
Dumont, p.	Johnson, p.
Humphreys, p.	Fahey, p.

Game called at 3 o'clock.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

The Florida training league for big league clubs is expected to be stopped by the lords of organized baseball, following the disastrous performances of the Chicago Cubs and the Philadelphia Athletics. Already the high moguls are frowning upon the scheme which, started this year, was supposed to prove of great benefit to all concerned.

Plans call for three National and two American League teams to train in Florida next spring, playing each other according to a regular schedule. With Palm Beach in the circuit, it is thought that much money might be made, enough to cover all expenses.

However, after the downfall of the Cubs and Mackmen, the authorities have begun to see decided weakness in the scheme. Tinker started out to be a czar and his rulings, with those seven straight defeats, Phillips have brought about serious dissensions in the ranks of the Cubs.

Chicago, which expected so much from the Cubs, is now convinced that Tinker's club hasn't a chance in the coming season for the National League banner.

Windy City fans are flooding Tinker with letters, savagely criticizing him for dropping so many 1916 Cubs and keeping so many 1915 Whales. So far as the Mackmen are concerned, no dissension exists, but already Philadelphia fans have forgotten all about the American League and are turning all their attention to the champion Phillies.

Spring inter-league games in Philadelphia have not proved so welcome as had been expected. Now the powers are planning to wipe it out.

Harry Harper and Bert Gallia will be sent against the Brooklyn Dodgers tomorrow. Manager Griffith decided today to have Charlie Humphreys, the little southpaw from the Virginia League, and George Dumont, twirler against the Dodgers, to give Harper for the stiffer opposition of the National League.

A good hour's practice was put in by the Griffen this morning, though no regular game was played. The field was in fine condition, but still a bit soft, and Manager Griffith did not care to take chances injuring it. The diamond is practically perfect.

Contrary to reports scattered around yesterday, Georgetown will not lose its opportunity to meet the Griffen on the diamond this spring.

Next Monday was to have been a day of rest, and Georgetown was to have been asked that yesterday's postponed game go over to that date. Manager Griffith was glad to accommodate the Hilltoppers and so next Monday the Blue and Gray will endeavor to go through with their annual contest against the Washington team.

An innovation which should make a big hit with the fans is to be tried this spring here when major league umpires will officiate in the exhibition games between the American and National League teams. The plan is to have tomorrow, when the Brooklyn Dodgers open their two-game series, big league officials will be on the job.

Nallin, of Ban Johnson's staff, and Rigger, the National League ump, are expected to be here till the season gets under way.

Even when the field is too soggy for work, the Griffen are not losing any workouts. The Old Fox has his boys hustling beneath the grandstand. He finds that place ideal for the "pepper" game, and the boys have every opportunity for warming up.

With nothing determined, line-up or batting order, Manager Griffith plans to experiment for the coming two weeks before the campaign is under way.

Today Turney Barber has been chosen for the right field job with the regulars, but he will have to keep up a fast pace to hold it. Rondeau is expected to be kept in left, even if he makes a poor start. The Old Fox is knowing what the Frenchman did last year after leaving the team for Minneapolis.

The lead-off man will be changed from time to time until the boss is satisfied that he has the best. Judge, Milan, and Morgan will have turns going to bat first, the best one gaining the job.

It will be experiment after experiment until April 12, when the Griffen for the Old Fox realizes the hard task ahead of him to beat out at least four other clubs in this league.

Yale Loses Catcher.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 29.—Mudge, expected to be first string backstop, has gone to his home in St. Paul because of illness, and is lost to the Yale varsity nine for the season.

Jim Thorpe Is Doomed.

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 30.—Jim Thorpe, the Indian outfielder, has failed to make good with the Giants. Walvers have been asked on him, and he will go to some International League team.

Both Games Close.

Both Sunday School League basketball games were close at the "Y" last night. Mt. Pleasant landed a 22 to 26 battle, while the Covenant team defeated Keller by 15 to 11.

OLD MAN CHANCE PUTS THE STETHESCOPE ON GRIFF'S ATHLETES



PRESIDENT TENER DENIES LIABILITY

National League Head Issues Official Statement Regarding Big Court Suit.

NEW YORK, March 30.—"We fail to see where we are liable, in the suit of the Baltimore Federal club," said President John K. Tener, of the National League, in comment on the \$900,000 damage suit brought by the Baltimore Federal club, against organized baseball forces.

"Organized baseball," said the statement, "condemned its negotiations looking to an adjustment of the baseball conditions with the Federal League as an organization. It was our understanding that the Federal League was acting for all its component clubs. We are satisfied we did nothing inconsistent with the Sherman anti-trust law or the Clayton act."

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.—Organized baseball is facing another attack against its existence in a suit for \$900,000 damages, filed in the United States District Court here yesterday under the national anti-trust laws, by the Baltimore Federal club, of Baltimore.

The defendants in the suit are the National and American Leagues and the sixteen clubs making up their membership, the three members of the national baseball commission, James A. A. Gilmore, Charles E. Weeghman, and Harry S. Inclear.

If the Federal League club, of Baltimore, wins its suit, organized baseball will be in peril of an attack by the National Government, it is said. The difference between the suit filed and the one begun by the Federal League against organized baseball in Chicago in January, 1915, is that the present action is one for damages only, while the first one was an injunction to restrain organized baseball from continuing certain acts, alleged to be in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

To win the present action, the Baltimore club must show that organized baseball, as at present constituted, is in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and the Clayton anti-trust act. If it proves this and recovers damages, lawyers said the Government may take cognizance of the court's decree.

MACKMEN ARE WEAK AND DODGERS WIN

Brooklyn Makes Clean Sweep of Spring Series in South.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 30.—The Brooklyn Dodgers are now on their way to Washington for a couple of games with Clark Griffith's team, but before they went they made a clean sweep of the series with the Mackmen, winning the fourth game yesterday, 5 to 3. The Mackmen looked weak in all departments, particularly in the hitting, and without the series.

Wheeler Dell was in fine form for Brooklyn, scattering four hits through the five frames he pitched. Nap Ruckless was airtight till the last inning, when the Mackmen caught open four hits for two runs.

McGraw, the young Federal League, slammed a home run to deep center in the seventh, and also contributed a fine running one-handed catch.

Palais Royal Team Has Open Dates to Fill

The Palais Royal baseball team has several open dates it wishes to fill, and Manager C. H. Schaet, care of the Palais Royal, wants to hear from teams in the District.

The schedule follows:

April 9, Holy Name; April 16, Cardinal A. C. of Alexandria; April 23, Vic Gaudy's Vigilants; April 30, Lincoln A. C.; May 7, Solkau A. C.; May 14, open; May 21, open; May 28, Brookland A. C.; May 31, open; June 4, Solkau A. C.; June 11, open; June 18, open; July 2, Cardinal A. C. of Alexandria; July 9, open; July 16, open; July 23, open; July 30, open; August 6, Solkau A. C. Address all challenges to C. H. Schaet, manager, care Palais Royal.

Dr. Lavan Knew What Player L... Wanted

Dr. John Lavan and Ernie Johnson are candidates for shortstop position on Fiedler Jones' Browns. While in practice Johnson sprained his ankle. The nearest physician happened to be Dr. Lavan.

Following an examination he said to his patient: "I advise you to take an absolute rest for two months. If you can leave St. Louis, so much the better."

Dr. Lavan is now playing between third and second.

Braves Face Mackmen.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 30.—The Braves are due to tackle Connie Mack's Athletics here today. The Braves have already beaten them twice.

Hooper and Ruth Win.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 30.—Harry Hooper and Babe Ruth won for the Cardinals win from the Browns. Fiedler Jones' aggregation went to pieces in the crucial moment, look-

Cobb Spoils Scheming Of New York Manager

McGraw Wanted Columns of Publicity Comparing Kauff and Star of Jungleers—Today's Sportorial on Some Live Topics in Sport World.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Ty Cobb has ruined a fine press agent plan of Johnny McGraw's by failure to report early to the Tigers. Pretty tough!

McGraw, who is one of the wisest chaps connected with baseball, had it all planned to have a daily battle royal between Benny Kauff, the "Ty Cobb of the Federal League," and Ty Cobb, of the Jungleers, the real thing when it comes to starring on the diamond.

But a fire broke out in Augusta, Ga., at an opportune moment and Ty seized the excuse to remain away from the training camp, thereby ruining a neat little scheme of the whole. Kauff proved a joke. New York fans have already begun poking fun at him. When New York went to do that, a player has a hard row to hoe.

Kauff is going to be compared considerably this coming season with Ty Cobb. The fans who follow the game closely will take great delight in measuring him up against the National League's "Big Boy." But that would have been more professional, at least.

That's merely "Slush." It's merely "slush" to quote Jess Willard as saying that the only reason he didn't knock out Frank Moran was because "it would hurt the boxing game in New York." That reads well—but it's merely "slush."

No man ever stood in a ring, no matter how much bigger he was than his opponent, and was able to think of anything but the man before him, particularly when that opponent was a wild Irishman with a savage wallop in either hand.

Jess Willard seems to be a nice sort of a chap, a decent, square-jawed fellow, but he's talking "slush" when he gives this explanation for his failure to do the job.

He should have emphasized that his bone in his hand.

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GERMANY SCHAEFER IS STAR OF SHOW

Yankees' Comedian Takes Away All Interest in Contest.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., March 30.—Germany Schaefer, the Yanks' comedian, entertained about 2,000 fans yesterday while the big leaguers were trimming a collection of mill hands and allowing but three hits. When the Yankees were playing the Indians at the big league, 7 to 1, Lavender was pummeled for an even dozen hits. The Cubs gathering only six off Lavender and Albridge.

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Bushers Wallop Cubs; Tinker Is Disgusted

ALBANY, Ga., March 30.—Manager Joe Tinker is thoroughly disgusted today with the poor showing of his Cubs yesterday against the Indianapolis American Association team, which won from the big leaguers, 7 to 1. Lavender was pummeled for an even dozen hits. The Cubs gathering only six off Lavender and Albridge.

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One Idea of Folly.

Our idea of the most foolish thing Bill Donovan can do is to release some promising youngster to keep Herman Schaefer on the coaching lines.

Are They Crazy?

Are the fans crazy for baseball? Twelve thousand St. Louis fans turned out last Sunday to see the Cardinals win from the Browns. Fiedler Jones' aggregation went to pieces in the crucial moment, look-

MINCE PIE.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING. By "Bug" Beer.

monkeys have a splendid libel suit against Kid Darwin.

Getting so a poor bachelor can't get hung nowadays without having seven or eight wives around trying to spoil his entire summer.

Critter says that, as a champion, Willard is sinning against tradition. Yep. That's the same Ericsson and the Monitor did.

Nobody is surprised when a boy phenom kicks in and cuts off his grandchildren without a penny.

Answers to Queries.

J. J. B.—They don't play ball in February, because Heinie Zimm could never work his suspensions into such a short month.

Z. O. O.—Can't see how Villa could have been stabbed as he eats pie with his fingers.

H. C.—The editor must refuse to decide beta pertaining to his sanity.

Ambish—We never heard of a professional croquet league.

H. & H.—Olaf Skventykov, the famous Spanish wrestler, was born in the Thousand Islands, but we don't know which one.

St. Tommy Lipton might hurry up as the speculators are getting tired of holding on to those tickets.

Just when a team is set to win the pennant—bang! The season opens.

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Rankin Johnson Proves Puzzle, Though He Loses

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 30.—Rankin Johnson, moored here by the Red Sox for his daring in jumping to the Feds, proved most puzzling to the Giants yesterday, though he lost, 1 to 0. Johnson's lone base on balls happened to collide with Hans Lobert's single, and the catcher's error, giving the Giants their only run. Palmer, the Cuban, pitched good ball for McGraw's team.

On Saturday Tech goes to Toms, for a battle with the Port Deposit Central is now pouring on Toms' schedule in baseball, football, and basketball.

Western and the Georgetown Preps open their baseball season on the Hill-top today, providing the ground is dry enough to stage a contest. Neither team has had much work out of doors this season. Western has a number of candidates who will be given a tryout.

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Impires for the high school series probably will be chosen some time during the week. Several names are under consideration for the jobs. There will be eight games played at the American League Park and twelve staged on the Monument Grounds, according to the schedule.

Saturday Business is expected to get a chance to display its wares to the Charlotte Hall nine. The Dunham Latin School, of Baltimore, has canceled with St. Alban's for Saturday morning.

Western is holding a closed track meet for all boys on Saturday. First and second years will compete in the 50 and 20-yard dashes and the high and broad jumps and second and third years in the same events.

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